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Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bowerman in view of Schultz. Claim 29 has been cancelled herein, rendering the rejection moot.

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Further, claim 30 has been indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Due to a typographical error, claim 30 was erroneously made dependent upon claim 9, rather than claim 29. As presently amended, claim 30 has been placed in independent form and properly incorporates the limitations of its intended base claim, claim 29.

Further, to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, claim 30 has been amended so that the previously claimed functional result is embodied in the structure of the thermal cutoff assembly. This amendment is made for clarification and in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the present application without narrowing the scope of claim 30.

Further, the title has been amended to better reflect the focus of the claimed invention.

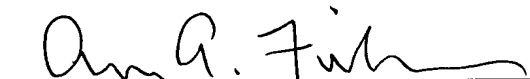
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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